

Appln. No. 10/780,733
Amd. dated December 8, 2006
Reply to Office Action of September 15, 2006

REMARKS

The examiner's action dated September 15, 2006, has been received, and its contents carefully noted. The allowance of claims 12 and 13 and the indication of allowability of claim 14 are noted with appreciation.

In view of these indications, claim 14 has been cancelled and the entirety of its subject matter has been incorporated into parent claim 1. It is therefore understood that, by this amendment, claim 1 has been placed in allowable condition and that claims 2-11, all of which depend from claim 1, are now also allowable.

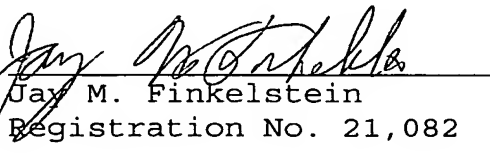
Accordingly, it is requested that this application now be allowed and that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

If the above amendment should not now place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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